like the Persian Gulf, Taiwan Straits, Somalia, and the Adriatic Sea off Bosnia. And on occasion, when force was the final resort as we have seen several times in the past few years in Iraq and Bosnia, Rear Admiral Pease was there, telling the story of the heroic American Sailor and his or her efforts in the face of adversity. Admiral Pease placed particular emphasis on the Sailor, because he realized that they were the backbone of the fleet—the ingenuity of the individual American Sailor is what make our Navy the greatest one in the world.

Rear Admiral Pease was a master of presenting the Navy's role in world events to the American public. He personally mentored hundreds of junior officers who were members of the Navy public affairs community; he was demanding, but mostly of himself, often arriving at the Pentagon before six a.m. and routinely working until nine or ten at night. His untiring commitment led to a remarkable increase in America's understanding of the Navy and its people. He clearly played a significant role in the shaping of public opinion and the future of the sea service.

Admiral Pease was an innovative communicator. He was at the forefront of promoting digital photography to tell a story half a world away; he also used video teleconferencing at sea and the internet to carry the Navy's message. And his tenure as the Chief of Information saw incredible evolution not only in the way the Navy communicates with the public, but also with Sailors. He refined the Navv's internal publications, reorganized and enhanced the Navy's weekly news program "Navy and Marine Corps News", and pioneered Direct to Sailor television aboard ships at sea-satellite technology destined to bring live television programming to all Navy ships in the next decade.

Perhaps most of all, Rear Admiral Pease was valued not only for his ability as a communicator, but more importantly as a strategic, big picture thinker, advisor and the voice of reason. He served three Secretaries of the Navy and three Chiefs of Naval Operations during his six years as the Chief of Information. A man of unparalleled vision, his opinion weighed significantly more than the two stars he wore on his collar would indicate. He is a man who served his country loyally and truly epitomizes the Navy core values of honor, courage and commitment.

I know the Members join me in this tribute to Rear Admiral Kendell Pease, who has truly given his all to the United States Navy for the last 34 years.

ROSAS COMMUNITY AWARDS

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 1998

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, one of my greatest pleasures in serving in this Congress is the opportunity to recognize outstanding people for their accomplishments. Former Councilwoman Joan Griffin McCabe, Captain James L. Luongo, and Edmundo Quinones are people who have dedicated their lives to the public good. In recognition of their service, they will be receiving the Revitalization of the Southern Area of the Slope community service awards this Thursday evening.

Former Councilwoman Joan Griffin McCabe has distinguished herself through her lifelong career as an education activist. Starting in 1991, Ms. McCabe spent six years as the representative of the 38th District in the New York City Council. During her two terms, Ms. McCabe produced many tangible benefits for the community, including protection of the environmental integrity of the Brooklyn Waterfront and \$120 million dollars from the city government for school textbooks. Her work on behalf of students in New York city has earned her wide recognition.

Captain James L. Luongo has earned recognition as a result of his nearly twenty years of service in the NYC Police Department. Captain Luongo is the commanding officer of the 78th Precinct and a member of the Honor Legion. He has previous experience in Patrol, Narcotics, and Detective work. Captain Luongo's work in the NYC has made the city a safer place in which to live.

Edmundo Quinones is the Deputy Director of Social Services at Project Reach Youth in Park Slope. Mr. Quinones has spent his life work for the public good with children and families. He has worked for a myriad of goals, leading support groups for parents and teens, organizing parent advocacy groups for school reform, and helping teen parents and runaways. Edmundo Quinones has earned this recognition as the result of his lifetime of service to the families of Park Slope.

I hope that all of my colleagues will join me today in honoring these three, their lives spent working for the public weal are an inspiration to us all.

PORTSMOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL VISITS WASHINGTON, DC

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 20, 1998

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker. I want to take this opportunity to praise the hard work of those who organized the Portsmouth Middle School Annual Field Trip to Washington, DC. Every year a group of students from the school are taken to the Capitol to have a tour. A number of people put a great deal of time and effort into organizing this trip. In fact these same dedicated individuals have been making this trip for over twenty years. I would like to acknowledge these people for the work they have done. Richard Munch, Beverly Tavares, Paul Fuller, Andrew Schlachter, Harold Weymouth, Beverly Mankofsky, Jackie Shearman, Heather Baker. Without their constant help and support the trip would not take place.

The trip enables young students to see the Capitol up close and they learn a great deal of how the government works. It is important that our young people get to see for themselves the legislative process. The get a tour of the Capitol which goes through all aspects of the legislature. They are able to learn the procedures of Congress and they get a taste of how the process functions. This is a very educational tour as these students are able to hear the history of the nation and the capital. They go to Congressional offices, are shown through the Capitol and see the House in action.

I believe that it is an important aspect of our democracy that people can come and see the political process themselves. Many members of the populace never get a chance to do this. Often the legislative process seems far removed from the average persons everyday life. It is often seen as a process that they cannot have any part in. We need to educate people in what we do. to show them that we are here to serve them and that we are answerable to them. This is how our democracy works and young people should be aware of these principles.

The Capitol tour gives a taste of the history of the United States. I believe that these young people need to learn about their history and the work that our great leaders have put into creating the nation we have today. It is the people that I mentioned above from Portsmouth Middle School who make this trip possible. They have over the years acted beyond the call of duty to make these trips work. I would like to acknowledge their efforts and note that I appreciate the work they do to show a new generation of young people our democratic process.

SALUTING THE EARTHLINK NETWORK

HON. JAMES E. ROGAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, May 20, 1998

Mr. ROGAN. Mr. Speaker, the truest test of a company's service is the satisfaction of its customers. As a testament to its high level of customer commitment, one company in my district has been recognized recently for rising to the top in the Internet Service Provider market: the Earthlink Network.

In mid-1994, an enterprising young businessman, Sky Dayton, founded a local Internet access provider to take advantage of a void where larger national companies had lapsed. Mr. Dayton quickly capitalized on his local niche, and fostered the development of Earthlink Network into what is today the world's largest independent Internet access firm.

While achieving success was by no means a smooth journey, word of Earthlink's dedication to service quickly spread, winning them accolades from newspapers and magazines across the country. Among their achievements in the professional realm, none is more significant than the news last month that the Earthlink Network had surpassed the 500,000-customer mark.

By ensuring that its services were operational over 99 percent of the time, and by providing consistent quality customer service, Earthlink Network is demonstrating that true entrepreneurial spirit thrives in the 27th Congressional District. One man's idea for a new start-up business has steadily grown into a trendsetter in the industry. Just last year, the Los Angeles Times reported: "[Earthlink] has combined good marketing, good service, good capital-raising ability and good attention to strategic detail to grow from nothing to almost 400,000 subscribers in just three years."

Mr. Speaker, I echo these same sentiments. In just a few years the Internet has grown from the brainchild of a few computer experts to the modus operandi of school children,